

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
December 22, 2003 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Brian C. Warburton, Chairman,
Cliff Pratt, James Workman
James Barrington, Town Manager
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant
ABSENT: William Sullivan (Ill); Virginia Bridle-Excused

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public on the acceptance of a storm water drainage easement from Brooke's Lane, LLC. This is the second of two hearings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a.

Mr. Barrington told the Board that the concern Mr. Hangen had regarding this easement has been resolved; the lot in question is not included in the easement. There were no public comments and this will be scheduled for the vote on January 5, 2004.

2. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public on the deeding of a 64 sq. ft. portion of a utility easement to William & Lydia Keohane, 38 Reddington Landing. This is the second of two hearings in accordance with RSA 41:14-a.

There were no public comments and a vote on the matter will be scheduled for January 5, 2004.

3. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the acceptance of a storm water grant from D.E.S. in the amount of \$8,700.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant in the amount of \$8,700.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Selectman Cliff Pratt led the audience in the salute to the flag.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Selectmen wished happy holidays to all residents. Mr. Workman added that with the cold and flu season upon us, all residents were urged to take precautions and get a flu shot if possible.

Mr. Workman Wished Happy Birthday to his wife Maureen.

Mr. Pratt thanked Public Works on the good job that was done on the tree trimming at the High Street parking lot.

Mr. Warburton noted that the person of the year for Time Magazine is the American Military personnel and he said that it is important that we all recognize the importance of the military for our country.

Mr. Warburton said that Hampton is so fortunate with the school system here and he congratulated them on the recent Christmas Concert at Marston School, "Christmas Around the World". Special thanks were given to Pat Liddy and Gus Carlson for their talents and efforts in this.

Mr. Warburton noted that the Board of Selectmen will resume their meetings on January 5th. He added that January is a very busy time for the Board with budget public hearings, the Deliberative Session on January 31 and the Presidential Primary on January 27th. Election Day is on March 9, 2004.

The Transfer Station will be closing at Noon on December 24th and will be open on December 26th for normal hours. Mr. Barrington reported that there will be no trash collection or recycling on Christmas Day and residents with a normal Thursday pick-up will be picked up the following week.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Barrington reported that Friday, December 19th was Chief William Wrenn's 29th anniversary with the Town of Hampton.

Police Facility

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he met with representatives from Whichter Builders and Kaestle-Boos Architects last week and there was an agreement reached that due to the weather conditions and change orders, that a two-week extension on the contractual completion of the police facility is justified. The new contractual completion date is early November, 2004.

Wastewater Treatment Plant - Blowers

Mr. Barrington reported that the Town has filed suit against Keymont Construction, Universal Blower and Underwood Engineers in conjunction with the on-going problems with the blowers from the 1999 wwtp upgrade. He explained that while negotiations had been continuing it became apparent that suit would be the only way to spur serious settlement discussions. Keymont has also filed suit involving all four parties in the Belknap superior Court.

Mr. Pratt asked how the progress is going on the settlement of Phase II of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Mr. Barrington said that Charwell is now waiting for a ruling from the Bankruptcy Court regarding that matter. There has not been a lot of progress since the bankruptcy, other than legal proceedings.

ATV Vehicles

Mr. Warburton said that a couple of people have called him regarding the ATV vehicles for the fire department. Mr. Barrington confirmed that four units have arrived and will be available for both police and fire and will be ideal for access to the beach and areas that the town has not been able to access. The vehicles were purchased with Homeland Security Grant funds.

Hardardt's Way / Tide Mill Road

The Board delayed this item until January 5, 2004.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the list of encumbrance requests for 2003 prepared by the Finance Director.

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| Acct. 4999.1.021 Project Impact | \$78,572.56 |
| Acct. 4999.1.023 Flood Mitigation Projects | 14,891.85 |
| Acct. 4999.2.026 Beach Master Plan Implementation | 77,292.94 |
| Acct. 4999.2.029 Road Improvement Projects | 53,805.56 |
| Acct. 4999.3.026 Sewer Upgrade – Hobbs Road | 274,658.45 |
| Acct. 4999.3.039 Eel Ditch Engineering | 33,500.00 |
| Acct. 4999.3.041 Salt Marsh restoration | 12,015.00 |
| Acct. 4999.3.048 Road Improvement Projects | <u>95,375.00</u> |
| | \$640,111.36 |

Mr. Barrington noted that some of these totals include bills that may come in before the end of the year, but in order to carry the funds forward to 2004 they need to be encumbered.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the encumbrance list as recommended by the Finance Director.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Acceptance of Playhouse Circle

Mr. Barrington noted that all of the requirements for acceptance of Playhouse Circle have been accomplished and the Board can vote to accept it as a town road.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that that the Board of Selectmen accept Playhouse Circle as a town road and release all appropriate bonds.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The Public Hearing for the ordinance for the stop signs will be scheduled for January 5, 2004.

VI. MINUTES

The minutes of December 8, 2003 and December 15th were reviewed and approved as written.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Land Rent Abatement

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the Board approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The Board will discuss a petition to plow the State CPA lot that was received today at the January 5, 2004 meeting with the full Board present.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (7:25 PM)

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman

